



## KAW CARVER

KAW VALLEY WOODCARVERS  
549 NW 74<sup>TH</sup> St., Topeka, KS 66617

### NOTE our new mailing address above

Our mission is to provide education to our members and to increase public awareness of the various aspects of woodcarving and its importance in art history.

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Meetings and carve-outs will be held from **9 am – 3 pm on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday of every month.**

**Our meeting location is the IBEW # 226 1620 NW Gage Blvd Topeka, 66618**

Visit us at our web site: [www.kawvalleywoodcarvers.org](http://www.kawvalleywoodcarvers.org)

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**KVW Club Calendar** In accordance with state and local guidelines, KVW activities may be modified. Please watch your email for updates or call if you have questions.

<u>CARVE OUTS</u>	<u>SEMINARS</u>	<u>MEETINGS</u>	<u>ACTIVITIES</u>
April 12, 2025 - Carve Out ○ and Monthly Meeting	9 am – 3 pm	Club Planning/Carve on stars	
May 10, 2025 - Carve Out ○ and Monthly Meeting	9 am – 3 pm	To Be Determined	
May 23 – 25, 2025	9 am –5 pm	Engler Carving Seminar @ \$70 per day	

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**Seminars:** All seminars run from 9am until 5pm daily, unless announced otherwise. All questions about seminars should be directed to Joetta Lady at 785-383-8497. Registration forms can be found on the website at [www.kawvalleywoodcarvers.org](http://www.kawvalleywoodcarvers.org). You **must** submit a registration form and a \$20 deposit before you are registered in a class. Seminars are held in the same location as our meetings.

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**Carve-out notes:** When participating in club carving activities and events we ask that you wear a carving glove. Our insurance will not cover an accident if you are not wearing one.

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**NOTE:** ALL carve-outs and seminars are subject to cancellation by the club or our hosting artist.

As a valued member, your opinions, ideas and input are very important to the club. Participate in a meeting or contact a board or committee member with your thoughts and ideas.

**KVW Minutes of March 8, 2025**

**Those present:** Wilbur Coffee, David Kline, Janet, Hopkins, Joetta Lady, Don Whalen, Sue Bergman, Nelson Pratt, John Reynolds, Robert Rosas, Kaylee and Lori Hammond, Glen Knaf, Carol Beck, and Linda Benson by phone. Meeting was called to order by President Wilbur Coffee.

**Membership:** 18 paid members. Linda Benson prepares our membership list and will be in charge of membership since she is already doing most of it. **Please pay your membership fee of \$20.00 for a family and come enjoy the happy group of woodcarvers. Some days we are quiet, others we are noisy. Help us out—we would love to see your happy faces with ours. PLEASE PAY YOUR 2025 DUES** and come to the meetings on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday of the month at 9:00 A.M. in the IBEW hall.

With the last newsletter a membership renewal form was sent out to our old membership list and not everyone on that list are paid members. **If you have not renewed your membership by April 15<sup>th</sup> we will remove your name from our membership list.** I would encourage you to renew your membership so you can continue receiving the newsletter, as that is the best way to get information about any upcoming seminars or carving events that the club has on its schedule. We are currently working on getting more seminars for the future and finding local events to attend to make our presence known in the community.

**Treasurer:** \$5,940.66 in the treasury. Received \$130.00 from Mr. Bledsoe. Paid bills: IBEW for December-March (\$25 each month), IRS \$40, \$472.00 for tools at the show, \$380 for insurance. Owe Netlynx, Janet Hopkins for flowers, and Linda Benson for microphone. Don Whalen motioned to pay the bills and Janet Hopkins seconded. Motion carried.

Linda Benson moved to have, in addition, to the treasurer, the President as a second person able to sign checks. David Kline seconded. Motion carried

Nelson Pratt motioned that a debit card be pursued and that was seconded by Don Whalen. Motion passed.

**Sheltered Living Tree:** Carol Beck will contact SLI to try and find out what our tree brought in terms of money for SLI. Several possibilities for next year's ornaments were brought in for display. John Reynolds took pictures of them and will have them ready for our selection next meeting. We purchased wood at the show for ornaments and John agreed to cut them out when we decide on what we want.

**Carve-outs:** John Reynolds will have stars ready for carving at the next meeting.

**Seminars:** John Engler is to have a relief carving seminar May 23-25. Sue Bergman will have a cottonwood bark carving class on September 27<sup>th</sup> with a \$75 fee that includes the bark. Warren Rauscher will do a class when he feels better. Wilbur would like to see us pursue more seminars. Possibilities brought up for discussion: Patti Larsen is rather proficient in Warren Rauscher's technique and might be a possibility if Warren cannot return to teaching. Van Kelley is a possible caricature carver instructor. Marilyn Anderson is a new teacher who might be a woodburning instructor is her class at John Engler's Springfield seminar is successful for her.

**Kaw Valley Woodcarver Show:** Wilbur will have Linda send information to past vendors about the 1 day show. Glen Knaf was sent information on John Engler's class as he asked last time he was at one of our meetings. Advertising committee: Wilbur has already sent information to woodcarving magazines and has flyers for us to distribute around town and at NOTO. Food committee: Don Whalen heads up with Janet Hopkins. Don and Nelson will do the kitchen duty for the show. Linda Benson and Janet Hopkins will be at the admission table.

**Election of Officers:** 2025 officers of KVV Wilbur Coffee – President

John Reynolds – Vice President

Carol Beck – Secretary

Joetta Lady – Treasurer

**Discussions/Opinions/Suggestions:** Our Meeting place at IBEW is secured and the show date is also secured for the Saturday before Thanksgiving.

Glen Knaf was asking if we would again carve at the State Fair in the fall. We agreed to a Tuesday September 9<sup>th</sup> all members wishing to go will receive a free pass to the fair. The members that went last year had a great time carving and visiting with the fair goers.

Website is due to be updated or rebuilt this next week by John Reynolds.

The 4H meeting seems to be settled and will happen.

John Reynolds contacted NOTO and they are interested in helping us. There are opportunities for exhibits with no cost to us. They are interested in and want local art talent.

Robert Rosas is going to be a chalk walk artist at NOTO.

**Show and Tell:**

**Motion to adjourn** was made by John Reynolds and seconded by Lori Hammond.

Carol Beck, Secretary

### Elected Officers

President -- Wilbur Coffee

Vice President -- John Reynolds

Secretary -- Carol Beck

Treasurer -- Joetta Lady

### Committee Chairpersons

Annual Show -- Wilbur Coffee

Carve Outs -- Members Input

Festival of Trees --

Group Emails -- Linda Benson

Membership -- Linda Benson

Newsletter -- Linda Benson

Seminars -- Joetta Lady/Wilbur Coffee

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George Bledsoe      Loess Hills Sawmill

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